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WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Pete Domenici today issued the following message encouraging New Mexicans to take time on Memorial Day to honor America's fallen heroes.

"For many Americans, Memorial Day has come to represent shopping sprees, movie openings and the launch of the summer vacation season.

"But this year, I am asking New Mexicans to remember the real reason we celebrate Memorial Day -- the men and women who laid down their lives for this wonderful country.

"I have cosponsored a resolution which calls on all Americans to observe "a national moment of silence" at 3 p.m. local time each Memorial Day in honor of those who sacrificed their lives in service of the nation.

"We cannot forget that the freedom we enjoy--the freedom we sometimes take for granted--was not free. I wish all of you a safe and happy Memorial Day."

Domenici is cosponsoring S.Con.Res.100 which calls on all Americans to observe "a national moment of silence" at 3 p.m. local time each Memorial Day in honor of those who sacrificed their lives in service of the nation. The primary sponsors of the legislation are Senators Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.) and Bob Kerrey (D-Neb.), both Vietnam War veterans.

On Thursday, the Senate gave final passage and sent to President Clinton a bill authorizing the placement of a plaque at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington that will honor those American veterans who died as a result of the war but who are not eligible to have their names placed on the memorial wall because they did not perish in Vietnam.